



## **H.R. 3224 – Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 3224 was introduced by Representative John Salazar (D-CO) on July 30, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported as amended from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, by voice vote, on October 18, 2007.

H.R. 3224 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 29, 2007.

### **BACKGROUND**

The National Dam Safety Program was established by the enactment of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-303). The program is a partnership between state and federal agencies to increase knowledge and preparedness to prevent and mitigate the effect of dam failures.

The federal government owns less than 5 percent of dams listed in the National Dam Inventory.

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 3224 establishes a grant program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for States to use in the repair and rehabilitation of publicly-owned deficient dams. A deficient dam is defined by this Act as failing to meet minimum dam safety standards of the State and poses an unacceptable risk to the public.

Davis-Bacon: The bill extends federal Davis-Bacon “prevailing wage” requirements to all states that apply for these grants.

Under this legislation, the Director of FEMA will consult with the National Dam Safety Review Board to develop a risk-based priority system to identify deficient dams for which grants may be awarded.

H.R. 3224 authorizes \$200 million over five years for funding this new grant program: \$10 million for fiscal year 2008; \$15 million for 2009; \$25 million for 2010; \$50 million for 2011; and \$100 million for 2012.

### **COST**

“Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3224 would cost \$103 million over the 2008-2012 period and \$98 million after 2012. Enacting H.R. 3224 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.” [CBO Cost Estimate](#)

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